

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are currently pending in the present application.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 13, 2005, applicant has elected Group I, claims 1-34 for examination at this time. Claims 35-42 have been cancelled without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application.

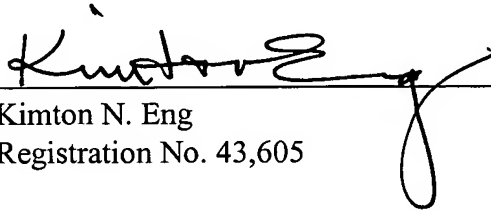
The Examiner further noted that Group I include two distinct species claims, based on generic claims 1, 8, 13, and 24. The first species includes claims 3, 10, 19, and 30, and the second species includes claims 7, 12, 23, and 34.

The species including claims 7, 12, 23, and 34 are elected for examination at this time. Consequently, although claims 3, 10, 19, and 30 are still pending, they are withdrawn from consideration. Although not stated in the Restriction Requirement, it is assumed that remaining dependent claims 2, 4-6, 9, 11, 14-18, 20-22, 25-29, and 31-33 will be examined with elected species claims 7, 12, 23, and 34.

Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

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